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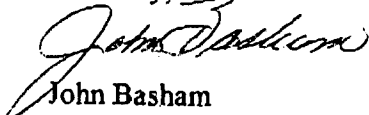
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

This letter is to give my support to the Department of Justice and Microsoft settlement. I think the original lawsuit was frivolous and a waste of time and money. I feel it was inspired by the jealousy of Microsoft's rivals more than by any inequitable business practices. Antitrust laws are meant to protect the consumer, and I believe there was no harm done to the consumer in this case. Computer software products are cheaper than they were ten or fifteen years ago. Microsoft streamlined computer programs into more useable formats and increased the compatibility of computer software. No other firm did this. If they had, we would probably be talking about them. Businesses today are punished for being too successful.

From what I understand Microsoft more than met the demands of the Department of Justice, well beyond what was actually at issue in the original suit. Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows to promote non-Microsoft software programs. Microsoft has also agreed to design future versions of Windows with a device making it easier for computer makers to promote non-Microsoft software. Any further litigation would be harmful to both the economy and the country.

Let's put this issue behind us. Give your support to the Department of Justice and Microsoft settlement.

Sincerely,



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